REMARKS

Claims 40-66 are pending. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 40-53, 55-57 and 60. Claims 61-66 have been withdrawn as allegedly being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 54, 58 and 59 are amended herein to obviate the rejections under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph.

In view of the preceding amendments and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims presented of record in this application are in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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